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Movie cameras are working flat out nowadays

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Spring has sprung, the grass has riz — I can't believe how hot the industry is. It's wild!

Those little go-getters, Pacific Motion Pictures, have beaucoup de production either in the works or upcoming: They're shooting the TV movie Dirty Work, starring Knots Landing's **Kevin Dobson** and Dallas's **John Ashton**, and a "presentation" called The Heights, about a group of twentysomethings trying to make it in the music business. One of its stars is **Tasia Valenza**, who appeared in the 1984 **Louis Malle** film Crackers.

A "presentation," by the way, is a recession-style pilot — a nasty trend, in my view. Rather than shoot a full one- or two-hour pilot to try to sell a series to a network, only a few scenes are shot to give a "taste" of what the series might look like. And that equals less work for actors, producers and crews.

So far, only seasoned producers like **Aaron Spelling** (Beverly Hills 90210) are doing these mini pilots: You have to have a pretty good track record for the networks to base a series on so little evidence.

PMP begins production next month on To Grandmother's House We Go, with the **Olsen** twins (**Mary Kate** and **Ashley** of Full House), and are in development with a project called Needles, from the novel of the same name by local writer **Bill Deverell**.

They "took a pass" on Call of the Wild, the Jack London story, but ex-MacGyver producer **Bob Frederick** has taken up the torch and will open offices next week to begin pre-production.

Still in production over at the CBC is Liar Liar, starring **Kate Nelligan**. (Did you see her at the Oscars wearing $750,000 worth of sapphires and diamonds borrowed from jeweller **Harry Winston**? She didn't win this year, but she will, soon.)

Cannell's pilot The Hot Squad has wrapped. Another pilot, Mood Indigo, is still in production until next week (it's a thriller about a psychiatrist); The Exxon Valdez Story begins shooting next week (a TV movie); The **Robert De Niro** feature This Boy's Life continues until the end of May; another feature, Alive, shoots on the cold mountain tops of Invermere until early June.

A Stranger in the Mirror, a TV movie starring **Lori Loughlin**, shoots until mid-April; another TV movie, Nighttide, a murder/thriller, begins filming at the end of April, and another Spelling pilot starts up next week. It's called The Round Table and it revolves around a group of pals (a newspaper reporter, an assistant DA, a rookie cop, a secret agent and a bartender) who hang out in a Washington, D.C. bar. (Syndicated entertainment columnist **Marilyn Beck** reported in last week's Province that the pilot will be shot in D.C. Nope, it's ours!)

A feature, Impolite, begins shooting mid-April and Maple Ridge Films is shooting a feature, Swallow in the Rain, with two others, Savior of Soul 2 and Black Cat 2, starting in a couple of weeks (details next week).

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